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Dear Readers:

Virginia's Community Colleges are fortunate to have passionate and talented people throughout all of our institutions. You see that regularly throughout the volumes of this publication. However, this is a special edition of *Inquiry*, opening yet a wider view on some incredible people we get to call colleagues.

We decided to try something different with two of our successful professional development programs: the 2017 Faculty & Administrators Leadership Academy and the 2018 Chancellor's Leadership Academy. In addition to the skills and experiences those programs traditionally offer, we challenged participants to tackle some of the biggest questions confronting community colleges across the commonwealth, and across the country – from institutional diversity and inclusion to student enrollment, from blending credit and non-credit programs to expanding online offerings, and more.

The men and women who enrolled in those academy programs are to be commended!

Their hard work, creative thinking, and fresh approaches allowed us as a system to look at these issues anew. Not only is their work being offered in this publication but it continues forward to influence the policy conversations we have with leaders and partners both inside and outside our organization. We are grateful for their tremendous efforts.

A quick glance across the roster of VCCS presidents reveals some half-a-dozen leaders who began at some other level within our organization and went on to become presidents, and that doesn't include those who've become community college presidents elsewhere. As I reflect on the caliber of the work created by these academy participants, I'm encouraged by how we continue to grow our pool of talent and prepare the next wave of community college leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Glenn DuBois". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Glenn DuBois